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1. The Hardie murders during the week of 18 March 1951, the attack on the American-owned Acoje chromium mine at Santa Cruz, Zambales, on 26 March 1951,\* and the confession of an alleged participant in the Hardie incident may indicate a change in the policy expressed in captured Communist documents emphatically stating that no US lives or property were to be molested by HMB forces.\*\*
2. Despite previously expressed Communist policy, the Hardie murders may have been approved by HMB Headquarters at Mount Arayat which assigned a special liquidation unit for the operation, according to the confession of Thomas Tembresa who allegedly participated in the raid on the Hardie dairy farm.
3. The Hardie incident, followed by a well-executed attack on the Acoje mine by an HMB force reportedly totalling approximately 300 members, may indicate that additional HMB operations will be staged against US citizens and their property for the following reasons:

- (1) Since US aid to the Philippines is now a foregone conclusion, assistance probably will increase rather than decrease, and thus there would be no advantage for the HMB to continue showing deference toward US citizens.
- (2) Disruption of the Philippine economy and the flow of important exports to the US by destroying production facilities would serve to frighten US nationals into leaving the country and withdrawing their capital.
- (3) While it may appear inconsistent with the first reason given, HMB leaders may believe that if the Philippine Government is completely discredited, the US finally will withdraw its support from the Philippines in disgust.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. The attack on the John Hardie dairy farm on 20 March 1951 in which Hardie, his wife, and an Australian foreman were killed reportedly was very similar to the raid on the Acoje Mining Company chromite mine property in northwestern Zambales Province. No Americans were killed in the latter raid, although five civilians were killed in the seven-hour encounter with Government troops.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] was based on a summary of a Communist document entitled "Additional Political - Military Strategic Concepts" which was captured in the Government raids of October 1950. This document described the policy to be followed by HMB forces toward US nationals and their property. The complete document was included in [REDACTED]

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